

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH - WARRNAMBOOL

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land - The Gunditjmara People. We acknowledge their ancestors with respect & commit to working for reconciliation & justice.

PARISH STAFF: Fr John Fitzgerald (Parish Priest)
Kathleen Card (Pastoral Associate)
Barry Wolff (Business Manager)
Leanne McElgunn (Secretary)
Pat Negri (Gardening/Maintenance)

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER: Anne Maree Mugavin

Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 1.00pm; 1.30pm - 4.00pm

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS: Michael Gray (St Joseph's School)
Peter Morgan (Emmanuel College)

WEEK-END LITURGIES: **Sunday:** 8.30am - 10.30am - 6.00pm
Purnim: 11.00am (Eucharist on 2nd and 4th Sundays)
(Assembly of Word with Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEK-DAY LITURGIES: **Wednesday & Friday:** 10.00am (Liturgy of Word & Communion)
NB: A funeral normally replaces the Mass of the day

Deaths: Mary Caveny, Terry Flanagan, Annie Kenna, Peter Ryan (Terang)

Anniversaries: Patricia Toleman, Catherine & Peter Murphy, Jack Hyland, Ross McCann, Catherine May Lourey

Baptism Preparation: This Wednesday at 7.30pm. Please book prior to the evening.

Ephphatha Book Corner: The library of books is located in the Parish Office and is opened week days 9.00am to 4.00pm. Please feel free to come and read or borrow from the numerous theological and spiritual books.

Parishioners: Bishop Bird asks that **all volunteers** provide their parish with a current Working with Children Check (WWC). If you are a volunteer in **any ministry** we ask you to complete this task. Any query please contact Parish Office.

Stewardship - Finances

Stewardship: Weekly average contributions for the month of August

Parish: \$\$1,891.00 **Pledged Amount:** (per week) \$2,820 **Presbytery:** \$1,255.00

NB: Parish contributions consists of envelopes, credit cards & direct debit

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Eucharist



Thank you to all involved in preparing the children for First Eucharist.

It is important that we continue to support the children in modelling the Christian life for them.

Parents are reminded of the commitment they made at the beginning of their child's formal preparation.

Fr John: Will you nourish your own faith by hearing and reflecting on the Word of God by being nourished by his Body and Blood and living out the values of the Gospel?

Parents: We will

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Last year our parish contributed \$3,100 to this collection, which raised \$48,000 throughout the Diocese. The fund currently supports **fifteen retired priests** eg Fr Bill Melican & Fr Barry Ryan. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are able to contribute by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked 'Ballarat Clergy Support Fund'.

Season of Creation: September 1 to October 4: There is an urgent need to find solutions to the crisis facing our common home. Christians around the world are asked to unite to pray and care for creation. It is the 'Season of Creation' and it's happening from Paris to Pittsburgh, Pretoria to La Paz, Patchewollock to Purnim!

Child Protection Sunday: (*Today*): The little things we do today: smile, listen, talk, hear, play, notice matter to a child's tomorrow

Back to Illowa: Reunion of the two schools that stood side by side: Illowa State School 690 and St Columba's. Celebrations will be held 17th & 18th November 2018. Further details Wendy Lane (0428 328 881)

St John of God Auxiliary: Fashion Parade at Hammond Hall, Henna St. Sunday 30th September at 2.00pm. Tickets \$20: Pat (5562 7200) or June (5561 0098)

National Council of Priests: The Conference this year is in Canberra (10th - 14th September). Fr John will be in attendance. Following the Conference he will take his annual vacation, returning Friday 5th October.